SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Have not *ad hoc* rules been framed for these posts?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Rules have not been framed because we have not yet finalised the framework of the scheme. I may also add that sometimes when we post officers from various departments for this work, they are very unwilling to go and join these posts. They are not so attractive as their normal charge."

SRI ALEXANDER GNANAMUTTU :—" Has any retired Government servant been appointed as Block Development Officer?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I do not think any retired Government servant has been appointed."

Number of handloom exporters in South Arcot district.

* 304 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of handloom exporters in South Arcot district;

(*b*) the quota fixed for each of these exporters; and

(*c*) the basis on which the quota is fixed?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Statistics relating to the number of handloom exporters in the South Arcot district are not available with the Government.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Any person can export handloom goods to permissible destinations without an export licence. Hence, the question of fixing quotas for export does not arise."

Imparting of instruction in the Government colleges in Tamil or the regional language.

* 305 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have addressed the University of Madras to permit the Government colleges in the State to impart instruction in Tamil or in the regional language;

(*b*) if so whether the University authorities have agreed to their suggestion; and

(*c*) what steps, if any, the Government have taken to impart such instruction in Tamil or in the regional language in all the Government colleges from the ensuing academic year and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education) :—" (*a*) No, Sir.